

FOUR OAKS ESTATE NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME

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Footpath & Verge Improvement Plan

Works under this plan continue, on a prioritised basis, and shortly there will be improvements to verges in Hartopp Road, between Four Oaks Road and The Copse. In addition, improvements to the footpath and verge at the south-east corner of Bracebridge Road and Wentworth Road are currently underway.

Refuse Bins & Garden Waste

Please make every effort to place refuse bins and garden waste bags on the roadside as near to the point of collection as possible – preferably early in the morning on the day of collection. Bins left on the roadside on other days can look unsightly. It is important to note that Birmingham City Council will not empty garden waste bins unless you have 'signed up' for its service and affixed the sticker to the bin itself. Edges & Hedges run a garden waste service with a weekly collection and if you wish to take up this service please contact them directly (07757-052774).

2018 AGM – Thursday 26th April

This year's AGM was attended by 135 residents. A very busy meeting saw the Chairman run through initiatives that have arisen from the Strategic Plan and the board's actions to continue to move this plan forward. Plans to tackle unauthorised traffic (especially rat-running) were discussed and a working group has been set up to ensure that this matter is prioritised as it is clear from the meeting that this is uppermost of residents' concerns. All 'avenues' are being considered and professional advice is being taken. Residents will be kept advised of progress made.

Drains Clearance

The drain gulleys across the Estate are mechanically cleared twice yearly. This operation will next be carried out later this month. Some strategically placed drains are cleared more often. Due to localised flooding a new drainage gully was installed recently outside the tennis club and another will be installed shortly in Luttrell Road.

Fibre-Enabled Broadband update

The new cabinet has now been installed on Hartopp Road, near the tennis club, and the necessary power supply has been connected. The deadline for completion of this project is in October, but Openreach should be installing the electronics fairly shortly and hopefully this deadline will be brought forward. When a date for the fibre-enabled broadband service to 'go live' is known Openreach will send a letter to every house served by this cabinet giving instructions on what to do to connect.

Grounds Maintenance matters

This is a busy time of year for grounds maintenance as we are firmly in the 'growing season'. Verges are mowed weekly and an Estate wide weed-killing operation has just been carried out. Removal of epicormic growth is being carried out currently and should be completed around the end of June.

The Triangle has recently been 'spruced up', including relaying of gravel on the footpath, and now provides a very attractive central focal point.

If you have hedges that front a footpath please ensure that they are kept trimmed so they do not impede the footpath or, as can happen, block the lighting columns.

Neighbourhood Watch scheme

Further to the article in the March newsletter, residents have come forward to represent Ladywood Road and Luttrell Road. Volunteers for Bracebridge Road and Wentworth Road are still required.....any takers?

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